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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-221-C - ORDER NO. 97-444
MAY 21, 1997

IN RE: Residents of Lakewood Campground,)	ORDER
)	RATIFYING
Complainants,)	EMERGENCY
)	ORDER
vs.)	
)	
GTE South, Inc.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) pursuant to our Regulation 103-886 which requires this Commission to consider any Emergency Order issued by a single Commissioner at our next full Commission meeting.

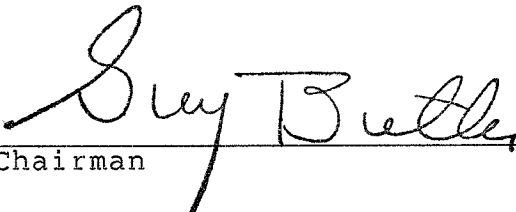
On May 15, 1997, Commissioner Warren D. Arthur, IV issued Order No. 97-409 which restrained and enjoined GTE South, Inc. (GTE) from disconnecting individual service to any individual resident and/or tenant of Lakewood Campground at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, until the Commission could investigate the matter further.

We have examined the Emergency Order and the circumstances behind it and find that Commissioner Arthur properly issued the Emergency Order on May 15, 1997. We believe that Commissioner

Arthur quite properly restrained GTE from disconnecting individual service to any individual resident of the campground, since our Order No. 87-90, issued on January 23, 1987, allows individuals to be served directly by a local exchange company in a shared tenant situation. We therefore ratify in full Order No. 97-409, and we hereby make it an Order of the full Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)